

Soap Creek Trail #443



*Picture of Soap Basin Sign
Taken from the Little Robinson Trail #850*

The trail departs from the intersection of the Little Robinson Trail #850 and the Peter Creek Trail #856. (on the Gunnison Basin map #443 is marked as # 850 until the district boundary) It climbs in a southerly direction through aspen and open parks to the divide between the Robinson and Soap Creek drainages. At the divide the trail enters the Gunnison Ranger District and descends down the Soap Creek drainage through conifer, aspen and open parks to Big Soap Park where it ends at the Soap Creek Road #721.

Don't forget your camera!



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Trail Ethics:

The Soap Creek Trail is maintained for foot and horse travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed on the Soap Creek Trail or in Wilderness areas.



Drinking Water:

DO NOT drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Timber harvest and livestock grazing are both forms of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourself with the area.



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**Total Length 11 Miles
1 Mile on the Paonia R.D.
10 Miles on the Gunnison R.D.**



*The Soap Creek Trail
Photo by Anne Williams Paonia Ranger District*

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Please don't litter!

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Trail Beginning:: Intersection of Little Robinson Trail #850 and Peter Creek Trail #856.

Trail Ending:: Continues over the divide into the Gunnison Ranger District and then down Soap Creek.

Access #1: Gunnison County Road 12 (Kebler Pass Road) to Coal Creek Road #709, then follow the road to the Little Robinson Trail head. Follow the Little Robinson Trail #850 to Little Robinson Cow Camp.

Access #2: On State Highway 92 near the Blue Mesa Reservoir dam, get on Forest Road #721 and follow it north to Big Soap Park.

Use: Foot and Horse

Recommended Seasons:

Spring

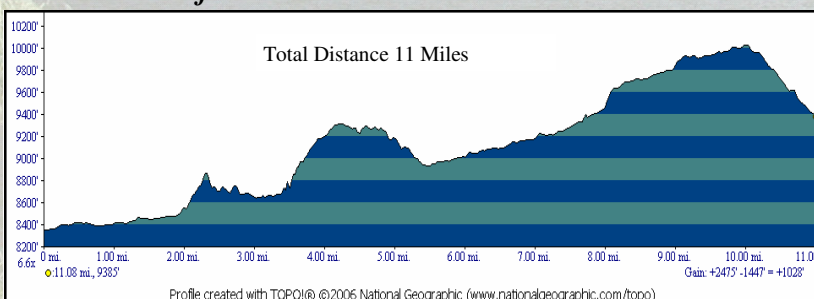
Summer

Fall

Winter

USGS quad maps: Big Soap Park & West Beckwith Mountain

Elevation Profile:



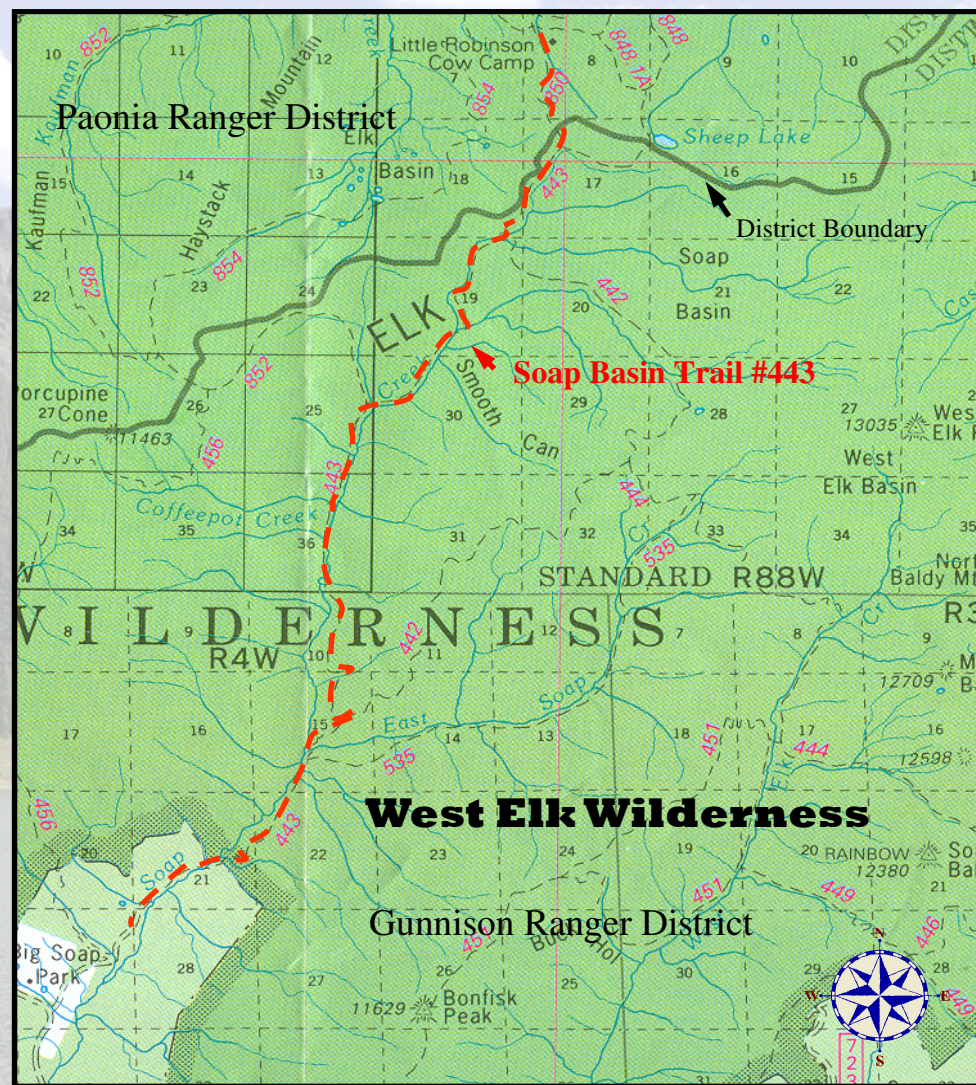
Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you Pack it in-Pack it out!



Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.



Principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors